

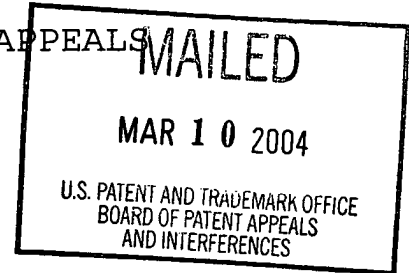
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte BORIS MASLOV
and ALEXANDER PYNTIKOV

Application 09/826,422

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER



This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on February 9, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on February 21, 2003. It is apparent from the record that the examiner has not considered the statement submitted nor notified applicants of why the submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR § 1.197 and § 1.98.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner for consideration of this IDS and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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